

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1875

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 386, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to utility rates determined by the public service commission.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 386, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 386.374, to read as follows:

**386.374. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the  
2 commission may consider ability to pay as a factor in setting utility rates and may establish  
3 programs for low-income residential utility customers to ensure affordable, reliable, and  
4 continuous service to such customers. In ordering such programs, the commission may  
5 require public utilities to provide information on the coordination of the program with  
6 other available low-income bill payment and energy conservation resources and the effects  
7 of the program on:**  
8       **(1) The percentage of income that participating households devote to energy bills;**  
9       **(2) The number of service disconnections;**  
10       **(3) Utility collection costs; and**  
11       **(4) Customer payment behavior, arrearages, and bad debt.**